Remarks

Claims 1-41 remain in the application.

A first set of claims amendments change "atomic layer epitaxy" to "atomic layer deposition", the term used in the originally filed description. A second set of claim amendments correct errors in the first Preliminary Amendment.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, early consideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would be helpful, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number, which is on California time.

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